Repair of N.H. 17

1857. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the portion of National Highway No. 17 between Negothane and Mahad is virtually non existing due to heavy patches etc., if so, what is the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that commuter on the road and citizens around this area have threatened the Government to launch an agitation as this has been an annual feature; and

(c) what is the total amount allocated for repairs/improvement/development of this stretch of National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir. National Highway No. 17 is maintained in traffic worthy condition within the funds available.

(c) For repairs and improvement/ development of National Highways, the amount is allocated for the State as a whole and not for individual stretches of National Highways.

Declaration of New National Highways in Gujarat

1858. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals for declaring New National Highways in Gujarat State;

(b) which roads will be declared National Highway in Gujarat during Eighth Five Year Plans; and

(c) by when such roads are to be declared as National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Owing to meagre allocation earmarked under the Central Sector Roads Programme in the 8th Five Year Plan, it is not possible to declare new National Highway in any State including Gujarat at present.

Widening of Vadodara-Maharashtra National Highway

1859. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the four laning of Vadodara-Maharashtra border section of NH-8 is being envisaged in the near future by Government;

(b) what is the likely stretch of 4 laning that can be taken up in the 8th Five Year Plan as per present indication of funds available;

(c) how many KMs would then remain two laned; and

(d) what traffic in terms of CVD & PCU would these two laned section be catering to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Provision for 4 laning of 69 km. length in stretches between Vadodara-Gujarat/Maharashtra border section is made in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) 108 km. would still remain two-lane.

(d) The traffic on two-lane sections in terms of CVD and PCU/day is of the order of 11700 and 43200 respectively.

Securing foreign Loans by Shipping Companies

1860. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently approved a scheme to permit the Indian